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SACRAMENTO UPDATE

Pursuit of County Position on Legislation

AB 1663 (Dutra), as amended on January 5, 2004, would delete the sunset date for the current \$1 fee added to the registration of all vehicles to fund local programs relating to vehicle theft crimes. By deleting the sunset date, AB 1663 will allow the Taskforce for Regional Autotheft Prevention (TRAP) program to continue indefinitely. The \$1 fee assessment provides \$7.3 million in annual revenue to fund the program. The bill would also provide a continuous appropriation.

Currently, 42 counties receive funding under this law. In Los Angeles County, the TRAP program is a multi-agency taskforce led by the Sheriff which focuses on the detection, investigation, arrest and prosecution of organized car theft gangs in Los Angeles. TRAP consists of 71 personnel from 20 different law enforcement agencies within the County. Since its creation, the unit has made 5,196 arrests, served 2,399 warrants, inspected 2,685 business locations for stolen vehicles or parts, and recovered 13,542 vehicles with an estimated total recovery value in excess of \$230 million.

On December 1, 1998, the Board took action to support legislation to extend the \$1 fee to December 31, 2004. In 1999, County advocates supported AB 183 (Washington) which extended the authority to impose the \$1 fee to January 1, 2005. **Therefore, our Sacramento advocates will support AB 1663.**

AB 1663 is supported by the Los Angeles County Sheriff and is scheduled to be heard in the Assembly Committee on Transportation on Monday, January 12, 2004.

Status of County-Interest Legislation

County-supported AB 26 (Pacheco, Leslie), which would require the State Department of Justice to provide information on the Internet regarding registered sex offenders who are serious or high risk offenders, was amended on January 5, 2004 to delete an offender's work address, vehicle license number, and vehicle description from the information to be provided on the Internet.

County-opposed AB 749 (Matthews), which would have repealed the requirement for statewide fingerprint imaging to determine eligibility for CalWORKs and Food Stamps, was amended on January 5, 2004 to establish a Medi-Cal reimbursement methodology for durable medical equipment. Therefore, we will drop our opposition to AB 749 and take no position on the bill.

King/Drew Medical Center Hearing

The Assembly Select Committee on King/Drew Medical Center, Chaired by Assembly Member Mervyn Dymally, will hold an informational hearing on Friday, January 9, 2004 to review past State audits of the Department of Health Services' finances and the King/Drew Medical Center accreditation crisis. The hearing is set for 10:00 a.m. in the Lecture Hall of King/Drew Magnet High School, located at 1601 East 120th Street in the City of Los Angeles.

We will continue to keep you advised.

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